IN THE UNITED STATESPATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Robert Charles Lewis DAY et a

Appln. No.: 08/935,865

Filed

: September 23, 1997

For

: TAPE PRINTING APPARATUS

) Art Unit: 2861

) Ex: M. Nghiem

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please further amend this application

MS:

Please add the following new claims:

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

40. A tape printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a platen which is engageable by said thermal printing head during each

mode of operation of said thermal printing head.

41. A tape printing apparatus as claimed in claim 40, wherein said platen is

mounted for rotation within a cage moulding.

42. A tape printing apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:

a platen which is engageable by said thermal printing head during each

mode of operation of said thermal printing head.

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43. A tape printing apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein said platen is mounted for rotation within a cage moulding.

REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims are being submitted at this time in order to have new claims 40-43 considered by the examiner in his examination.

Please charge the added claim fee of \$72 to Deposit Account No. 10-1213.

Respectfully submitted,

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